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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MARCH 12 MEETING WITH MOROCCAN
FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA: RHODESIA

1. IN FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER
BOUCETTA MARCH 12, SECRETARY DESCRIBED PREVIOUS DAY'S
CONVERSATION WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE (SEE SEPTELS FOR DIS-
CUSSION OTHER TOPICS). SECRETARY SAID HE SUGGESTED TO
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NKOMO AND MUGABE THAT THEY PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF ALL
PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN DISPUTE TO SEEK A COMMON POSITION
BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.
SECRETARY NOTED THAT WHILE THE U.S. HAD RECOGNIZED THE
SALISBURY AGREEMENT AS A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN SOME
RESPECTS, IT WAS, AS A WHOLE, INADEQUATE BECAUSE IT LEFT
MANY ISSUES UNRESOLVED AND IGNORED OTHERS. NKOMO AND

MUGABE DID NOT REJECT A ROLE IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE INTERNALLY-BASED NATIONALISTS. HOWEVER, THEY CONTENTED THAT THEY WOULD NOT MEET WITH PARTICIPANTS IN THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT, UNTIL ESSENTIAL ISSUES RELATING TO A TRANSFER OF POWER) HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY NEGOTIATED IN DISCUSSIONS CONFINED TO THE PF, THE BRITISH, AND SMITH. U.S. WILL CONTINUE ITS CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENTS OF FRONT LINE STATES AND NIGERIA TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR A MEETING OF ALL PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE.

2. FONMIN SAID AT TRIPOLI OAU MEETING THERE WERE MANY AFRICANS WHO BELIEVE ALL NATIONALIST LEADERS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS, NOT JUST PATRIOTIC FRONT. FOR MOROCCO'S PART, THE PARTICIPATION OF NKOMO AND MUGABE IS BELIEVED ESSENTIAL TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. BOUCETTA CONTINUED THAT LIKE LUMUMBA, WHO ONCE WAS SAVABLE, NKOMO AND MUGABE CAN BE KEPT OUT OF "THE OTHER CAMP" AND ARE REASONABLE MEN. VANCE

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